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Central Simple Algebras Over Totally Real Fields Which Appear in $Q[G]^*$

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let k be a totally real subfield of a cyclotomic extension of the rational field Q . Denote by $S_Q(k)$ the subset of the Brauer group $\text{Br}(k)$ of k consisting of those algebra classes which contain a simple component of the group algebra $Q[G]$ of some finite group G . According to the Brauer–Speiser theorem, every element of $S_Q(k)$ has order at most two in $\text{Br}(k)$. When k is the rational field Q , the structure of $S_Q(k)$ has been determined by Benard [1] and Fields [5]. That is, they have shown that every quaternion division algebra central over Q appears in some $Q[G]$.

Let l be an arbitrary prime number, c a positive integer and ζ_{l^c} a primitive l^c -th root of unity. In this paper, we completely determine $S_Q(k)$ when k is the maximal totally real subfield $k_{l,c} = Q(\zeta_{l^c} + \zeta_{l^c}^{-1})$ of the cyclotomic field $Q(\zeta_{l^c})$. Namely, we shall prove the following:

THEOREM. *Let A be a simple algebra central over $k_{l,c}$. Then, A appears in some $Q[G]$ (up to similarity) if and only if (i) A has Hasse invariant 0 or $\frac{1}{2}$ at every prime \mathfrak{p} of $k_{l,c}$, and (ii) for any rational prime p , A has the same Hasse invariant at all the primes \mathfrak{p} of $k_{l,c}$ dividing p .*

Here, we outline the proof of this Theorem. In order to prove the Theorem for $k_{l,c} = Q$ (i.e., $l^c = 3$ or 4), it was enough to consider cyclic algebras (cf. [1] and [5]). When $k_{l,c}$ is not the rational field ($l^c \geq 5$), we must deal with crossed products. Namely, for each rational prime p which is neither the infinite prime ∞ nor l , we construct crossed products central over $k_{l,c}$ which contain finite multiplicative groups and which are spanned by these groups with rational coefficients. It turns out that at least one of these crossed products has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at every prime \mathfrak{p} of $k_{l,c}$ dividing p , and

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possibly $\frac{1}{2}$ at l of $k_{l,e}$ dividing l and at p_∞ of $k_{l,e}$ dividing ∞ . The construction of these crossed products and the computation of their Hasse invariants are carried out in Sections 2, 3 and 4. In Section 5, we give a cyclic algebra which appears in some $Q[G]$ and which has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at every infinite prime p_∞ of $k_{l,e}$, and possibly $\frac{1}{2}$ at l dividing l . By taking tensor products of the above algebras, we see easily that every central simple algebra over $k_{l,e}$ which satisfies the conditions (i) and (ii) of our Theorem, appears in some $Q[G]$.

Finally we remark that the statement of this Theorem is not necessarily true when k is not a maximal totally real subfield of a cyclotomic field. In fact, it will be shown that the assertion of the Theorem does not hold when k is a real quadratic field $Q(\sqrt{m})$ such that m is square free and $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Notation and Terminology. Throughout this paper, $l^e \geq 5$, i.e., $[k_{l,e} : Q] > 1$. Z , R and C denote respectively the ring of rational integers, the real number field and the complex number field. For a positive integer n , ζ_n is a primitive n -th root of unity. The multiplicative group of integers modulo n is denoted by $Z \bmod^\times n$, and its elements are expressed as $r \bmod^\times n$, $(r, n) = 1$. For a ring A with the identity 1, A^\times is the multiplicative group consisting of those elements of A which have inverses in A . $\langle a, b, \dots \rangle$ is the group generated by a, b, \dots . Let K be a finite extension of a field k . For $a \in K$, $N(K/k, a)$ is the norm of a over k . If K is normal over k , $\mathfrak{G}(K/k)$ is the Galois group of K over k . For $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(K/k)$ and $x \in K$, x^σ is the image of x by σ . If K is a finite abelian extension of Q , \mathfrak{p} a prime of k and \mathfrak{P} a prime of K lying above \mathfrak{p} , then $K^\mathfrak{p}/k_\mathfrak{p}$ represents the isomorphy type of the completion of K/k for $\mathfrak{P} \mid \mathfrak{p}$. If \mathfrak{p} is a finite prime, $U(k_\mathfrak{p})$ denotes the subgroup of $k_\mathfrak{p}^\times$ consisting of roots of unity whose orders are relatively prime to \mathfrak{p} , $\mathfrak{p} \mid \mathfrak{p}$. It is known that $U(k_\mathfrak{p}) = \langle \zeta_{q-1} \rangle$, where $q = N(k_\mathfrak{p}/Q_\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p})$. For a central simple algebra A over k , (A/\mathfrak{p}) denotes its Hasse invariant at \mathfrak{p} . It is unique modulo Z .

2. CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE ALGEBRAS FOR $p \neq 2$

Throughout this section, p is an odd prime number different from l . Set $K = Q(\zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_p)$ and $k = k_{l,e} = Q(\zeta_{l^e} + \zeta_{l^e}^{-1})$. The cyclotomic field K contains the subfields $Q(\zeta_{l^e})$ and $k(\zeta_p)$ such that $Q(\zeta_{l^e}) \cdot k(\zeta_p) = K$ and $Q(\zeta_{l^e}) \cap k(\zeta_p) = k$. The Galois group $\mathfrak{G}(K/Q(\zeta_{l^e}))$ (resp. $\mathfrak{G}(K/k(\zeta_p))$) is cyclic and generated by an automorphism φ (resp. ι) of K such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\zeta_{l^e}) &= \zeta_{l^e}, & \varphi(\zeta_p) &= \zeta_p^r & (r \text{ is primitive mod } p), \\ \iota(\zeta_p) &= \zeta_p, & \iota(\zeta_{l^e}) &= \zeta_{l^e}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The Galois group $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(K/k)$ is the direct product of $\langle \varphi \rangle$ and $\langle \iota \rangle$, i.e., $\mathfrak{G} = \langle \varphi \rangle \times \langle \iota \rangle$. Define mappings α and β from $\mathfrak{G} \times \mathfrak{G}$ into K^\times by the following formulas:

$$\alpha(\varphi^\nu \iota^\mu, \varphi^{\nu'} \iota^{\mu'}) = (-\zeta_{l^e})^{\nu'\gamma} \zeta_{l^e}^{-\delta(p-1)/2}, \quad (1)$$

$$\beta(\varphi^\nu \iota^\mu, \varphi^{\nu'} \iota^{\mu'}) = (-\zeta_{l^e})^{\nu'\gamma} [-\zeta_{l^e}^{-(p-1)/2}]^\delta, \quad (2)$$

$$(0 \leq \nu, \nu' \leq p-2, \quad 0 \leq \mu, \mu' \leq 1)$$

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} 0, & \mu = 0, \\ 1, & \mu = 1, \end{cases} \quad \delta = \begin{cases} 0, & \nu + \nu' < p-1, \\ 1, & \nu + \nu' \geq p-1. \end{cases}$$

An easy verification shows that α and β are factor sets of K/k , i.e.,

$$\alpha(\sigma, \tau)^\rho \cdot \alpha(\rho, \sigma\tau) = \alpha(\rho, \sigma) \cdot \alpha(\rho\sigma, \tau),$$

$\beta(\sigma, \tau)^\rho \cdot \beta(\rho, \sigma\tau) = \beta(\rho, \sigma) \cdot \beta(\rho\sigma, \tau)$, $\rho, \sigma, \tau \in \mathfrak{G}$. (In order to check this, it is convenient to refer to Zassenhaus [12, III, §8].) Consider the following crossed products $A = A(l^e, p)$ and $B = B(l^e, p)$ of K/k with its Galois group \mathfrak{G} , and having the factor sets α and β respectively:

$$A = (\alpha, K/k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}} Ku_\sigma \quad (\text{direct sum}),$$

$$u_\sigma x = x^\sigma u_\sigma, \quad u_\sigma u_\tau = \alpha(\sigma, \tau) u_{\sigma\tau} \quad (x \in K; \quad \sigma, \tau \in \mathfrak{G}),$$

$$B = (\beta, K/k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}} Kv_\sigma \quad (\text{direct sum}),$$

$$v_\sigma x = x^\sigma v_\sigma, \quad v_\sigma v_\tau = \beta(\sigma, \tau) v_{\sigma\tau}.$$

From the definition of the factor sets α and β , it follows easily that

$$u_l u_\varphi = -\zeta_{l^e} u_\varphi u_l, \quad u_\varphi^{p-1} = \zeta_{l^e}^{-(p-1)/2}, \quad u_l^2 = 1, \quad (3)$$

$$v_l v_\varphi = -\zeta_{l^e} v_\varphi v_l, \quad v_\varphi^{p-1} = -\zeta_{l^e}^{-(p-1)/2}, \quad v_l^2 = 1. \quad (4)$$

If l is an odd prime number, the elements $-1, \zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_p, u_\varphi$ and u_l generate a finite subgroup $G = G(l^e, p)$ of the multiplicative group $A(l^e, p)^\times$, i.e., $G = \langle -1, \zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_p, u_\varphi, u_l \rangle$. In fact, G contains the normal cyclic subgroup $F_1 = \langle -1, \zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_p \rangle$ of order $2pl^e$ and G/F_1 is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_p)/k_{l,e})$. That is, G is an extension of F_1 by an abelian group of order $2(p-1)$, having the factor set α defined by (1). The crossed product $A = A(l^e, p)$ is spanned by G with rational coefficients, i.e., $A = \{\sum_{g \in G} a_g g; a_g \in Q\}$. So, A is isomorphic to a simple component of the group algebra $Q[G]$. Similarly, the elements $-1, \zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_p, v_\varphi$ and v_l generate a finite subgroup

$H = H(l^c, p)$ of $B(l^c, p)^\times$. H is an extension of the normal cyclic subgroup $F_2 = \langle -1, \zeta_{l^c}, \zeta_p \rangle$ by an abelian group isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}(K/k)$, having the factor set β . $B = B(l^c, p)$ is isomorphic to a simple component of $Q[H]$. If $l = 2$, then $G(2^c, p) = \langle \zeta_{2^c}, \zeta_p, u_\varphi, u_i \rangle$ is a finite subgroup of $A(2^c, p)^\times$. $G(2^c, p)$ is an extension of the normal subgroup $I_1 = \langle \zeta_{2^c}, \zeta_p \rangle$ of order $2^c p$ by an abelian group isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{2^c}, \zeta_p)/k_{2,c})$, having the factor set α . The crossed product $A(2^c, p)$ is spanned by $G(2^c, p)$ with rational coefficients, and so it is isomorphic to a simple component of the group algebra $Q[G(2^c, p)]$. By the same reason, $H(2^c, p) = \langle \zeta_{2^c}, \zeta_p, v_\varphi, v_i \rangle$ is a finite subgroup of $B(2^c, p)^\times$, and the crossed product $B(2^c, p)$ is isomorphic to a simple component of $Q[H(2^c, p)]$. Thus we have shown that for every l and c and for every p ($\neq 2, l$), the simple algebras $A(l^c, p)$ and $B(l^c, p)$ central over $k_{l,c}$ appear in some $Q[G]$.

Now we are going to calculate the Hasse invariants of the crossed products $A = A(l^c, p)$ and $B = B(l^c, p)$. If \mathfrak{q} is a prime ideal of $k_{l,c}$ which divide neither l nor p , both A and B have Hasse invariant zero at \mathfrak{q} , because \mathfrak{q} is not ramified in $Q(\zeta_{l^c}, \zeta_p)/k_{l,c}$ and the factor sets α and β consist of roots of unity. So, we have

$$(A(l^c, p)/\mathfrak{q}) = (B(l^c, p)/\mathfrak{q}) = 0, \quad \text{for } \mathfrak{q} \nmid l, p. \quad (5)$$

The elements $u_\varphi^\nu u_i^\mu$ ($\nu = 0, 1, \dots, p-2; \mu = 0, 1$) are linearly independent over K (cf. van der Waerden [9, p. 211]). The elements $\{(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi\}^\nu u_i^\mu$ ($\nu = 0, 1, \dots, p-2; \mu = 0, 1$) are also linearly independent over K . From (3), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} u_i \{(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi\} &= (1 - \zeta_{l^c}^{-1}) u_i u_\varphi = (1 - \zeta_{l^c}^{-1})(-\zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi u_i, \\ &= \{(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi\} u_i. \end{aligned}$$

Each element of $Q(\zeta_{l^c})$ (resp. $k(\zeta_p)$) commutes with $(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi$ (resp. u_i). Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \sum_{\mu=0}^1 \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} K u_\varphi^\nu u_i^\mu = \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\nu} Q(\zeta_{l^c}) \cdot k(\zeta_p) \{(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi\}^\nu u_i^\mu, \\ &= \left[\sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} k(\zeta_p) \{(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi\}^\nu \right] \cdot \left[\sum_{\mu=0}^1 Q(\zeta_{l^c}) u_i^\mu \right], \\ &\cong (\{(1 - \zeta_{l^c}) u_\varphi\}^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi) \otimes_k (u_i^2, Q(\zeta_{l^c})/k, i), \\ &= ((1 - \zeta_{l^c})^{p-1} u_\varphi^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi) \otimes_k (1, Q(\zeta_{l^c})/k, i), \\ &\sim (\{(1 - \zeta_{l^c})^2 \zeta_{l^c}^{-1}\}^{(p-1)/2}, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Concerning the above isomorphism, we note that the dimension of A over k is equal to the dimension of the tensor product

$$(\{(1 - \zeta_{l^e}) u_q\}^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi) \otimes_k (u_i^2, Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k, \iota).$$

By the same argument, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \sum_{\mu=0}^1 \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} K v_{\varphi^{\nu} \iota^{\mu}} = \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\nu} Q(\zeta_{l^e}) \cdot k(\zeta_p) \{(1 - \zeta_{l^e}) v_q\}^{\nu} v_i^{\mu}, \\ &\cong (\{(1 - \zeta_{l^e}) v_q\}^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi) \otimes_k (v_i^2, Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k, \iota), \\ &\sim (-\{(1 - \zeta_{l^e})^2 \zeta_{l^e}^{-1}\}^{(p-1)/2}, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi), \\ &\sim A \otimes_k (-1, k(\zeta_p)/k, \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Here $(1 - \zeta_{l^e})^2 \zeta_{l^e}^{-1}$ is an element of $k - k_{l,c}$ and the principal ideal $I = ((1 - \zeta_{l^e})^2 \zeta_{l^e}^{-1})$ is the only prime ideal of the integer ring of k dividing l , i.e.,

$$(I) = I^{l^{e-1}(l-1)/2} \quad \text{for } l \neq 2, \quad (2) = I^{2^{e-2}} \quad \text{for } l = 2.$$

So, $\pi = (1 - \zeta_{l^e})^2 \zeta_{l^e}^{-1}$ is a prime element of the local field k_l . Let f_1 be the smallest positive integer such that $l^{f_1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and set $g_1 = (p-1)/f_1$. Then the extension $k(\zeta_p)^{1/l}/k_l$ is nonramified of degree f_1 and

$$\begin{aligned} A \otimes_k k_l &\sim (\pi^{(p-1)/2}, k(\zeta_p)^{1/l}/k_l, \varphi^{g_1}), \\ B \otimes_k k_l &\sim (A \otimes_k k_l) \otimes_{k_l} (-1, k(\zeta_p)^{1/l}/k_l, \varphi^{g_1}), \\ &\sim A \otimes_k k_l. \end{aligned}$$

Here we note that $(-1, k(\zeta_p)^{1/l}/k_l, \varphi^{g_1}) \sim 1$, because $k(\zeta_p)^{1/l}/k_l$ is nonramified and -1 is a unit. From the definition of Hasse invariant, it follows that the Hasse invariants of the crossed products $A = A(l^e, p)$ and $B = B(l^e, p)$ at I are equal to

$$\frac{(p-1)/2}{f_1} = \frac{f_1 g_1}{2 f_1} = \frac{g_1}{2}.$$

An easy verification shows that if the Legendre symbol (l/p) is equal to 1, then g_1 is an even number, and if $(l/p) = -1$, then g_1 is odd. Hence, for the prime ideal $I(I \mid l)$ of $k_{l,c}$, we have

$$\left(\frac{A(l^e, p)}{I} \right) = \left(\frac{B(l^e, p)}{I} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } (l/p) = 1, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } (l/p) = -1. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

For the case $l = 2$, this equation can be written as follows:

$$\left(\frac{A(2^e, p)}{I} \right) = \left(\frac{B(2^e, p)}{I} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}, \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

because we have the formula $(2/p) = (-1)^{(p^2-1)/8}$ (cf. [7, p. 92]).

Let \mathfrak{p}_∞ be an infinite prime of $k = k_{l,c}$. We see easily that

$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= (1 - \zeta_{l^c})^2 \zeta_{l^c}^{-1} = \zeta_{l^c} + \zeta_{l^c}^{-1} - 2 < 0, \\ A(l^c, p) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} &\sim (\pi^{(p-1)/2}, k(\zeta_p)^{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}/k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}, \varphi^{(p-1)/2}), \\ &\cong (\pi^{(p-1)/2}, C/R, \rho), (\rho(\sqrt{-1}) = -\sqrt{-1}), \\ B(l^c, p) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} &\sim (-\pi^{(p-1)/2}, C/R, \rho), \\ \pi^{(p-1)/2} &> 0, \quad \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \pi^{(p-1)/2} &< 0, \quad \text{if } p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any infinite prime \mathfrak{p}_∞ of $k_{l,c}$, we have

$$\left(\frac{A(l^c, p)}{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}, \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$$\left(\frac{B(l^c, p)}{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{if } p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

The computation of the Hasse invariants of A and B at \mathfrak{p} of k dividing p , is rather complicated, so we will carry this out in the next section.

3. THE HASSE INVARIANTS AT \mathfrak{p}

Throughout this section, \mathfrak{p} denotes a prime ideal of $k = k_{l,c}$ dividing p , f the smallest positive integer such that

$$p^f \equiv 1 \pmod{l^c}. \quad (10)$$

Set

$$g'f = (l-1)l^{c-1} = \varphi(l^c), \quad \text{for } l \neq 2, \quad (11)$$

$$g'f = 2^{c-1} = \varphi(2^c), \quad \text{for } l = 2. \quad (12)$$

For simplicity, we write $A(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} = A(l^c, p) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $B(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} = B(l^c, p) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}}$. We use the same notation as in Section 2.

LEMMA 1. *For an integer n such that $0 < n < l^c$, write $n = vl^s$, $(v, l) = 1$. Then l^{c-s} divides the binomial coefficient $\binom{l^c}{n}$.*

Proof. Set $N = \binom{l^c}{n}$. Then, $N = (l^c/n)t$, where $t = \binom{l^c-1}{n-1}$, and so, $nN = l^c t$. From this, the assertion follows immediately.

LEMMA 2. *Suppose that $l \neq 2$. If r is a primitive root mod l^c , i.e., $\langle r \bmod^\times l^c \rangle = Z \bmod^\times l^c$, then r is also a primitive root mod l .*

Proof. If $r^t \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}$, write $r^t = 1 + lw$, $w \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then, $r^{tl^{e-1}} = (1 + lw)^{t^{e-1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{l^e}$, as easily follows from Lemma 1. Hence, $(l-1)l^{e-1}$ divides tl^{e-1} , and so $l-1$ divides t .

LEMMA 3. *Suppose that $l \neq 2$. If f is odd, then \mathfrak{p} splits into two primes in $Q(\zeta_{l^e})$. If f is even, then \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{l^e})$. g' is odd if and only if the Legendre symbol (p/l) is equal to -1 .*

Proof. We identify the Galois group $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{l^e})/Q)$ with the multiplicative group $Z \bmod^\times l^e$. The decomposition group \mathfrak{T} of \mathfrak{p} in \mathfrak{G} is the cyclic group $\langle p \bmod^\times l^e \rangle$. Since $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k_{l,c}) = \langle -1 \bmod^\times l^e \rangle$, \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k_{l,c}$ if and only if $-1 \bmod^\times l^e \in \langle p \bmod^\times l^e \rangle$. As $Z \bmod^\times l^e$ is cyclic of order $(l-1)l^{e-1}$, $-1 \bmod^\times l^e$ is the only element of order 2. Recall that f is the order of the cyclic subgroup $\langle p \bmod^\times l^e \rangle$ of $Z \bmod^\times l^e$. Hence f is even, if and only if $-1 \bmod^\times l^e \in \langle p \bmod^\times l^e \rangle$. As to the last assertion of Lemma 3, we note that g' is odd if and only if t is odd, where $p \equiv r^t \pmod{l^e}$ and r is a primitive root mod l^e . From Lemma 2, it follows readily that t is odd if and only if $(p/l) = -1$.

LEMMA 4. *Suppose that $l = 2$. If $p \not\equiv -1 \pmod{2^e}$, then \mathfrak{p} splits into two primes in $Q(\zeta_{2^e})$, and if $p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^e}$, then \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{2^e})$. Let g be the number of the prime ideals of $k_{2,c}$ which divide \mathfrak{p} . If $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$, then g is even, and if $p \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}$, then $g = 1$, i.e., \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $k_{l,c}/Q$ ($c \geq 3$). If $p \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2^e}$, then $p^f \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2^{e+1}}$.*

Proof. We know that $Z \bmod^\times 2^e = \{(-1)^i \cdot 5^j \bmod^\times 2^e; i = 0, 1, j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^{e-2} - 1\}$ (cf. [7, p. 78]). An easy verification shows that $-1 \bmod^\times 2^e \in \langle (-1)^i \cdot 5^j \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$ if and only if $i = 1, j = 0$. Since $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{2^e})/Q) = Z \bmod^\times 2^e$ and $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{2^e})/k_{2,c}) = \langle -1 \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$, $\mathfrak{p}(\mathfrak{p} | p)$ is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{2^e})/k_{2,c}$ if and only if $-1 \bmod^\times 2^e \in \langle p \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$, i.e., if and only if $p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^e}$. We note that $(-1)^i \cdot 5^j \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}$ if and only if j is odd. In this case, the cyclic group $\langle (-1)^i \cdot 5^j \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$ has order 2^{e-2} , and $-1 \bmod^\times 2^e \notin \langle (-1)^i \cdot 5^j \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$. From this, it is easily verified that if $p \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}$, then \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $k_{2,c}/Q$, i.e., $g = 1$. If $p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^e}$, then $g = 2^{e-2}$ and this is even. If $p \not\equiv -1 \pmod{2^e}$ and $p \equiv (-1)^i \cdot 5^j \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$, then j is even and so the order of $\langle p \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$ is at most 2^{e-3} . Consequently, 4 divides g' and 2 divides g . If $p \equiv (-1)^i \cdot 5^j \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2^e}$, $j = 2^\lambda v$, $(2, v) = 1$, then $0 \leq \lambda < e-2$ and the order f of $\langle p \bmod^\times 2^e \rangle$ is equal to $2^{e-2-\lambda} (\geq 2)$. Write $p \equiv (-1)^i \cdot 5^j + s2^e$, $s \in \mathbb{Z}$. By Lemma 1, it is easily verified that

$$p^f \equiv ((-1)^i \cdot 5^j + s2^e)^{2^{e-2-\lambda}} \equiv 5^{2^{e-2}v} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2^{e+1}}.$$

LEMMA 5. If \mathfrak{P} is any prime ideal of $Q(\zeta_{l^c})$ dividing \mathfrak{p} , then \mathfrak{P} is totally ramified in $Q(\zeta_{l^c}, \zeta_p)/Q(\zeta_{l^c})$. \mathfrak{p} is also totally ramified in $k_{l,c}(\zeta_p)/k_{l,c}$.

Proof. This lemma is obvious.

LEMMA 6. Let y be a rational prime number, and $L_{\mathfrak{Y}}$ and $F_{\mathfrak{Y}}$ be finite extension fields of the y -adic field Q_y with the maximal ideals \mathfrak{Y} and \mathfrak{y} respectively such that $L_{\mathfrak{Y}} \supset F_{\mathfrak{Y}}$. Set $N(L_{\mathfrak{Y}}/Q_y, \mathfrak{Y}) = y^h$, $N(F_{\mathfrak{Y}}/Q_y, \mathfrak{y}) = y^d$, $U(L_{\mathfrak{Y}}) = \langle \zeta_{y^{h-1}} \rangle$ and $U(F_{\mathfrak{Y}}) = \langle \zeta_{y^{d-1}} \rangle$. Then, an element x of $U(F_{\mathfrak{Y}})$ belongs to $N(L_{\mathfrak{Y}}/F_{\mathfrak{Y}}, L_{\mathfrak{Y}}^{\times})$, if and only if x belongs to $N(L_{\mathfrak{Y}}/F_{\mathfrak{Y}}, U(L_{\mathfrak{Y}}))$.

Proof. Let e be the ramification index of \mathfrak{Y} over \mathfrak{y} . Then, $E = F_{\mathfrak{Y}}(\zeta_{y^{h-1}})$ is the maximal unramified extension of $F_{\mathfrak{Y}}$ in $L_{\mathfrak{Y}}$, and $[L_{\mathfrak{Y}} : E] = e$. Since $N(E/F_{\mathfrak{Y}}, \zeta_{y^{h-1}})$ is a primitive $(y^d - 1)$ -th root of unity, we can assume that $\zeta_{y^{d-1}} = N(E/F_{\mathfrak{Y}}, \zeta_{y^{h-1}})$. It is well-known that every element z of $L_{\mathfrak{Y}}^{\times}$ has a unique expression

$$z = \pi^{s\tau_r} \zeta_{y^{h-1}}^r \rho; \quad s \in Z, \quad r \bmod y^h - 1, \quad \rho: \text{principal unit of } L_{\mathfrak{Y}},$$

where π is a prime element of $L_{\mathfrak{Y}}$. Hence we have

$$N(L_{\mathfrak{Y}}^{\times}) = \{N(\pi)^{s\tau_r} \zeta_{y^{d-1}}^r N(\rho); s \in Z, r \bmod y^h - 1, \rho: \text{principal unit of } L_{\mathfrak{Y}}\},$$

where N denotes the norm of $L_{\mathfrak{Y}}$ over $F_{\mathfrak{Y}}$. We see that $N(\pi)^{s\tau_r} \zeta_{y^{d-1}}^r N(\rho)$ is a unit of $F_{\mathfrak{Y}}$ if and only if $s = 0$, and that $N(\rho)$ is a principal unit of $F_{\mathfrak{Y}}$. From these facts, the assertion of Lemma 6 easily follows.

Now we proceed to calculate the Hasse invariants of $A(l^c, p)$ and $B(l^c, p)$ at \mathfrak{p} . Assume first that \mathfrak{p} splits into two primes in $Q(\zeta_{l^c})/k_{l,c}$. Then we have

$$\mathfrak{G}(K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \mathfrak{G}(K^{\mathfrak{p}}/Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}}) = \mathfrak{G}(K/Q(\zeta_{l^c})),$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} &= A(l^c, p) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}} \sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} K^{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\varphi}^{\nu}, \\ &= (u_{\varphi}^{p-1}, K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \varphi), \\ &= (\zeta_{l^c}^{-(p-1)/2}, K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \varphi), \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} &= B(l^c, p) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}} \sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} K^{\mathfrak{p}} v_{\varphi}^{\nu}, \\ &= (-\zeta_{l^c}^{-(p-1)/2}, K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \varphi), \\ &\sim (-1, K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \varphi) \otimes_{k_{\mathfrak{p}}} A(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}}, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where $K = Q(\zeta_{l^c}, \zeta_p)$, $k = k_{l,c}$, u_{φ}^{p-1} and v_{φ}^{p-1} are given by (3) and (4). Denote by $U(K^{\mathfrak{p}})$ the set of roots of unity contained in $K^{\mathfrak{p}}$, whose orders are

relatively prime to p . Then $U(K^p)$ is the cyclic group generated by a primitive $(p^f - 1)$ -th root of unity ζ_{p^f-1} . Since K^p/k_p is totally ramified of degree $p - 1$, the image $N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p))$ of $U(K^p)$ by the norm of K^p over k_p is $\langle \zeta_{p^f-1}^{p-1} \rangle$. We summarize

$$U(K^p) = \langle \zeta_{p^f-1} \rangle, \quad N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p)) = \langle \zeta_{p^f-1}^{p-1} \rangle. \quad (15)$$

Suppose that $l \neq 2$. Then we see easily that $\zeta_{p^f-1}^{(p-1)/2} \in N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p))$, because $p^f - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{l^e}$ and the l part of $p - 1$ is equal to that of $(p - 1)/2$. Hence $A(l^e, p)_p \sim 1$, and so, by (14), $B(l^e, p)_p \sim (-1, K^p/k_p, \varphi)$. By Lemma 3, f is an odd number. Therefore,

$$(p^f - 1)/(p - 1) = p^{f-1} + p^{f-2} + \cdots + p + 1 \equiv f \equiv 1 \pmod{2},$$

because p is odd. Since $N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p)) = \langle \zeta_{p^f-1}^{p-1} \rangle$ and $\zeta_{p^f-1}^{p-1}$ is a primitive $(p^f - 1)/(p - 1)$ -th root of unity, we conclude that $-1 \notin N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p))$. By Lemma 6, $-1 \notin N(K^p/k_p, (K^p)^\times)$. Consequently, the Hasse invariant of $B(l^e, p)_p$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$. Thus we have proved

$$[A(l^e, p)/p] = 0, \quad [B(l^e, p)/p] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (16)$$

if $l \neq 2$ and p splits into two primes in $Q(\zeta_p)$.

Suppose next that $l = 2$. Then, by Lemma 4, $p \not\equiv -1 \pmod{2^e}$. First we assume that $p \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2^e}$. Then, $p - 1 = 2^a \cdot t$, $(2, t) = 1$, $1 \leq a < c$. By the last assertion of Lemma 4, the 2-Sylow subgroup of the cyclic group $\langle \zeta_{p^f-1} \rangle$ is generated by a primitive 2^c -th root of unity ζ_{2^c} . Hence, the 2-Sylow subgroup of $N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p)) = \langle \zeta_{p^f-1}^{p-1} \rangle$, is generated by $\zeta_{2^c}^{p-1}$, which is a primitive 2^{c-a} -th root of unity. Since both $\zeta_{2^c}^{(p-1)/2}$ and $-\zeta_{2^c}^{(p-1)/2}$ are 2^{c-a+1} -th root of unity, we conclude that neither $\zeta_{2^c}^{(p-1)/2}$ nor $-\zeta_{2^c}^{(p-1)/2}$ belongs to $N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p))$, and so by Lemma 6, $\zeta_{2^c}^{(p-1)/2}, -\zeta_{2^c}^{(p-1)/2} \notin N(K^p/k_p, (K^p)^\times)$. From (13) and (14), it follows that the Hasse invariants of $A(2^e, p)_p$ and $B(2^e, p)_p$ are equal to $\frac{1}{2}$. Summarizing,

$$[A(2^e, p)/p] = [B(2^e, p)/p] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{for } p \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2^e}. \quad (17)$$

Assume next that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{2^e}$, and set $p - 1 = 2^a \cdot t$, $(2, t) = 1$, $c \leq a$. Then, $p^f - 1 = p - 1$, i.e., $f = 1$, and so $N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p)) = \langle \zeta_{p-1}^{p-1} \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$. If $a = c$, then $\zeta_{2^c}^{-(p-1)/2} = -1 \notin N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p))$. If $a > c$, then $\zeta_{2^c}^{-(p-1)/2} = 1 \in N(K^p/k_p, U(K^p))$. Consequently, from (13) and (14), we conclude

$$[A(2^e, p)/p] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad [B(2^e, p)/p] = 0, \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{2^e} \\ \text{and } p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}, \end{array} \quad (18)$$

$$[A(2^e, p)/p] = 0, \quad [B(2^e, p)/p] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}. \quad (19)$$

Thus, for every l , we have calculated the Hasse invariants of $A(l^e, p)$ and $B(l^e, p)$ at p , provided that p splits into two primes in $Q(\zeta_p)/k_{l,c}$.

Now we assume that \mathfrak{p} is *inertial* in $Q(\zeta_{l^c})/k_{l,c}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{G}(K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}) &= \mathfrak{G}(K/k), \\ A(l^c, \mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}} &\sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} \sum_{\mu=0}^1 K^{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\varphi^{\nu} \iota^{\mu}}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$B(l^c, \mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}} \sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} \sum_{\mu=0}^1 K^{\mathfrak{p}} v_{\varphi^{\nu} \iota^{\mu}}. \quad (21)$$

Suppose that $l \neq 2$. Set $q = N(k_{\mathfrak{p}}/Q_p, \mathfrak{p})$. Then $q = p^{f/2}$ and $U(K^{\mathfrak{p}}) = \langle \zeta_{p^{f-1}} \rangle = \langle \zeta_{q^2-1} \rangle$. Since $Z \bmod^{\times} l^c$ is cyclic, $q \bmod^{\times} l^c$ is the only element of order 2 in $Z \bmod^{\times} l^c$, and so $q \equiv -1 \pmod{l^c}$. Consequently, $q-1 \equiv -2 \pmod{l^c}$. Let s be an integer such that $2s \equiv 1 \pmod{l^c}$. Then $(q-1)s \equiv -1 \pmod{l^c}$. Set $q^2-1 = 2^v \cdot h$, $(2, h) = 1$ and $q-1 = 2^s \cdot h'$, $(2, h') = 1$. Then, $1 \leq s < v$, and so a primitive 2^{s+1} -th root of unity $\zeta_{2^{s+1}}$ belongs to $U(K^{\mathfrak{p}})$. Set $\gamma = \zeta_{l^c}^s \zeta_{2^{s+1}}$. Then, $\gamma \in U(K^{\mathfrak{p}})$, and $\gamma^{q-1} = \zeta_{l^c}^{s(q-1)} \zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{q-1} = -\zeta_{l^c}^{-1}$. When we regard the automorphism ι of K/k as that of $K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}$, ι is the Frobenius automorphism of $K^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Hence, $(\zeta_{q^2-1})^{\iota} = \zeta_{q^2-1}^q$, and so $\gamma^{\iota} = \gamma^q$. Consequently, by (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\varphi} u_{\iota} &= -\zeta_{l^c}^{-1} u_{\varphi} u_{\varphi} = \gamma^{q-1} u_{\varphi} u_{\varphi}, \\ (\gamma u_{\varphi}) u_{\iota} &= \gamma^q u_{\varphi} u_{\varphi} = u_{\iota}(\gamma u_{\varphi}), \\ v_{\varphi} v_{\iota} &= \gamma^{q-1} v_{\varphi} v_{\varphi}, \quad (\gamma v_{\varphi}) v_{\iota} = v_{\iota}(\gamma v_{\varphi}). \end{aligned}$$

Each element of $Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}}$ commutes with γu_{φ} , and each element of $k(\zeta_p)^{\mathfrak{p}}$ commutes with u_{ι} . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(l^c, \mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}} &\sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-2} \sum_{\mu=0}^1 K^{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\varphi^{\nu} \iota^{\mu}}, \\ &= \sum_{\nu} \sum_{\mu} Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}} \cdot k(\zeta_p)^{\mathfrak{p}} (\gamma u_{\varphi})^{\nu} u_{\iota}^{\mu}, \\ &= \left[\sum_{\nu} k(\zeta_p)^{\mathfrak{p}} (\gamma u_{\varphi})^{\nu} \right] \cdot \left[\sum_{\mu} Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\iota}^{\mu} \right], \\ &\cong ((\gamma u_{\varphi})^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \varphi) \otimes_{k_{\mathfrak{p}}} (u_{\iota}^2, Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \iota), \\ &= (\zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}, \varphi), \end{aligned}$$

where, by (3), $u_{\iota}^2 = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma u_{\varphi})^{p-1} &= \gamma^{p-1} u_{\varphi}^{p-1} = \zeta_{l^c}^{s(p-1)} \zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1} \zeta_{l^c}^{-(p-1)/2}, \\ &= \zeta_{l^c}^{(2s-1)(p-1)/2} \zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1} = \zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

In the above, note that $2z - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{l^c}$. Write $p - 1 = 2^t \cdot y$, $(2, y) = 1$. As $p - 1$ divides $q - 1 = 2^s \cdot h'$, it follows that $t \leq s$ and $\zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1}$ is a primitive 2^{s+1-t} -th root of unity. On the other hand, $U(k(\zeta_p)^p) = \langle \zeta_{q-1}^{p-1} \rangle$ and $N(k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, U(k(\zeta_p)^p)) = \langle \zeta_{q-1}^{p-1} \rangle$. It is clear that the 2-Sylow subgroup of $\langle \zeta_{q-1}^{p-1} \rangle$ is $\langle \zeta_{2^{s-t}}^{p-1} \rangle$, and so $\zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1} \notin N(k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, U(k(\zeta_p)^p))$. Hence we see that

$$[A(l^c, p)/\mathfrak{p}] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{if } l \neq 2 \text{ and } \mathfrak{p} \text{ is inertial in } Q(\zeta_{l^c}). \quad (22)$$

By the same argument as before, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} &\sim ((\gamma v_{\mathfrak{p}})^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, \varphi), \\ (\gamma v_{\mathfrak{p}})^{p-1} &= \gamma^{p-1} v_{\mathfrak{p}}^{p-1} = -\zeta_{l^c}^{(2z-1)(p-1)/2} \zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1} = -\zeta_{2^{s+1}}^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$B(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} \sim A(l^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_{k_{\mathfrak{p}}} (-1, k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, \varphi).$$

-1 belongs to $N(k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, U(k(\zeta_p)^p)) = \langle \zeta_{q-1}^{p-1} \rangle$, if and only if $t < s$, i.e., if and only if $2(p-1)$ divides $p^{f/2} - 1$. Hence the cyclic algebra $(-1, k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, \varphi)$ has Hasse invariant zero at \mathfrak{p} , if and only if $2(p-1)$ divides $p^{f/2} - 1$. From this and (22), we conclude

$$\left(\frac{B(l^c, p)}{\mathfrak{p}} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 2(p-1) \nmid p^{f/2} - 1, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } 2(p-1) \mid p^{f/2} - 1, \end{cases}$$

provided that $l \neq 2$ and \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{l^c})$.

Suppose last that $l = 2$. Since we are assuming that \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{2^c})/k_{2,c}$, Lemma 4 implies that $p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^c}$. Write $p + 1 = 2^e h$. We fix a primitive $(p^2 - 1)$ -th root of unity ζ_{p^2-1} such that $\zeta_{p^2-1}^{h(p-1)} = \zeta_{2^c}$. It is easily seen that $N(k_p/Q_p, \mathfrak{p}) = p$ and $U(K^p) = \langle \zeta_{p^2-1} \rangle$. Set $\gamma = \zeta_{p^2-1}^{(-1+2^{c-1})h}$. Then $\gamma^{p-1} = \zeta_{p^2-1}^{(-1+2^{c-1})h(p-1)} = \zeta_{2^c}^{-1+2^{c-1}} = -\zeta_{2^c}^{-1}$. Consequently, by (3), $u_{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\iota} = -\zeta_{2^c}^{-1} u_{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\mathfrak{p}} = \gamma^{p-1} u_{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\mathfrak{p}}$, and so $(\gamma u_{\mathfrak{p}}) u_{\iota} = \gamma^p u_{\mathfrak{p}} u_{\mathfrak{p}} = u_{\iota}(\gamma u_{\mathfrak{p}})$. Here, we note that ι is the Frobenius automorphism of K^p/k_p . So, $\zeta_{p^2-1}^{\iota} = \zeta_{p^2-1}^p$, and $\gamma^{\iota} = \gamma^p$. Each element of $Q(\zeta_{2^c})^p$ (resp. $k(\zeta_p)^p$) commutes with $\gamma u_{\mathfrak{p}}$ (resp. u_{ι}). Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(2^c, p)_{\mathfrak{p}} &\sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-1} \sum_{\mu=0}^1 K^p(\gamma u_{\mathfrak{p}})^{\nu} u_{\iota}^{\mu}, \\ &= \left[\sum_{\nu} k(\zeta_p)^p (\gamma u_{\mathfrak{p}})^{\nu} \right] \cdot \left[\sum_{\mu} Q(\zeta_{2^c})^p u_{\iota}^{\mu} \right], \\ &\cong ((\gamma u_{\mathfrak{p}})^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, \varphi) \otimes_{k_{\mathfrak{p}}} (1, Q(\zeta_{2^c})^p/k_p, \iota), \\ &\sim ((-1)^{h+1}, k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, \varphi), \end{aligned}$$

where by (3),

$$\begin{aligned}(\gamma u_\varphi)^{p-1} &= \gamma^{p-1} u_\varphi^{p-1} = -\zeta_{2^c}^{-1} \gamma^{-(p-1)/2} = -\zeta_{2^c}^{-1-(2^c h-2)/2}, \\ &= -\zeta_{2^c}^{-2^{c-1}h} = -(-1)^h = (-1)^{h+1}.\end{aligned}$$

By the same argument, we have

$$\begin{aligned}B(2^c, p)_p &\sim ((\gamma v_\varphi)^{p-1}, k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, \varphi), \\ (\gamma v_\varphi)^{p-1} &= \gamma^{p-1} v_\varphi^{p-1} = -\zeta_{2^c}^{-1} (-\zeta_{2^c}^{-(p-1)/2}) = (-1)^h.\end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile, $U(k(\zeta_p)^p) = \langle \zeta_{p-1} \rangle$ and $N(k(\zeta_p)^p/k_p, U(k(\zeta_p)^p)) = \langle \zeta_{p-1}^{p-1} \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$. Thus, we conclude that

$$[A(2^c, p)/p] = 0, \quad [B(2^c, p)/p] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{if } p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^c}, \\ p \not\equiv -1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}, \quad (23)$$

and that

$$[A(2^c, p)/p] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad [B(2^c, p)/p] = 0, \quad \text{if } p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}. \quad (24)$$

4. CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE ALGEBRAS FOR $p = 2$

Throughout this section, l denotes an odd prime number. Set $K = Q(\zeta_{l^c}, \zeta_4)$ and $k = k_{l,c} = Q(\zeta_{l^c} + \zeta_{l^c}^{-1})$. Then, $K = Q(\zeta_{l^c}) \cdot k(\zeta_4)$ and $k = Q(\zeta_{l^c}) \cap k(\zeta_4)$. The Galois groups $\mathfrak{G}(K/k(\zeta_4))$ and $\mathfrak{G}(K/Q(\zeta_{l^c}))$ are cyclic of order 2 and generated by the automorphisms ι and φ respectively such that

$$\iota(\zeta_{l^c}) = \zeta_{l^c}^{-1}, \iota(\zeta_4) = \zeta_4, \varphi(\zeta_{l^c}) = \zeta_{l^c}, \varphi(\zeta_4) = \zeta_4^{-1}.$$

Then, $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(K/k) = \langle \iota \rangle \times \langle \varphi \rangle$. Define mappings α' and β' from $\mathfrak{G} \times \mathfrak{G}$ into K^\times by the following formulas:

$$\alpha'(\iota^\nu \varphi^\mu, \iota^{\nu'} \varphi^{\mu'}) = (-\zeta_4)^{\nu'\nu} \zeta_4^\delta, \quad (25)$$

$$\beta'(\iota^\nu \varphi^\mu, \iota^{\nu'} \varphi^{\mu'}) = (-\zeta_4)^{\nu'\nu} \zeta_4^\delta (-1)^\epsilon, \quad (26)$$

$$(0 \leq \nu, \mu, \nu', \mu' \leq 1)$$

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 0, & \nu + \nu' < 2, \\ 1, & \nu + \nu' = 2, \end{cases} \quad \gamma = \begin{cases} 0, & \mu = 0, \\ 1, & \mu = 1, \end{cases} \quad \epsilon = \begin{cases} 0, & \mu + \mu' < 2, \\ 1, & \mu + \mu' = 2. \end{cases}$$

It is easily checked that α' and β' are factor sets of K/k (cf. Zassenhaus [12, III, §8]). Consider the following crossed products $C = C(l^c, 2)$ and

$D = D(l^e, 2)$ of K/k with its Galois group \mathfrak{G} , and having the factor sets α' and β' respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= (\alpha', K/k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}} K u_{\sigma} \quad (\text{direct sum}), \\ u_{\sigma} x &= x^{\sigma} u_{\sigma}, \quad u_{\sigma} u_{\tau} = \alpha'(\sigma, \tau) u_{\sigma\tau} \quad (x \in K; \sigma, \tau \in \mathfrak{G}), \\ D &= (\beta', K/k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}} K v_{\sigma} \quad (\text{direct sum}), \\ v_{\sigma} x &= x^{\sigma} v_{\sigma}, \quad v_{\sigma} v_{\tau} = \beta'(\sigma, \tau) v_{\sigma\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of α' and β' , it follows easily that

$$u_{\varphi} u_i = -\zeta_4 u_i u_{\varphi}, \quad u_i^2 = \zeta_4, \quad u_{\varphi}^2 = 1, \quad (27)$$

$$v_{\varphi} v_i = -\zeta_4 v_i v_{\varphi}, \quad v_i^2 = \zeta_4, \quad v_{\varphi}^2 = -1. \quad (28)$$

The elements ζ_{l^e} , ζ_4 , u_{φ} and u_i generate a finite subgroup $G(l^e, 2)$ of the multiplicative group $C(l^e, 2)^{\times}$. In fact, $G(l^e, 2)$ is an extension of the normal cyclic subgroup $F_1 = \langle \zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_4 \rangle$ by an abelian group isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_4)/k_{l,c})$, having the factor set α' . The crossed product $C(l^e, 2)$ is spanned by $G(l^e, 2)$ with rational coefficients, and so $C(l^e, 2)$ is isomorphic to a simple component of the group algebra $Q[C(l^e, 2)]$. Similarly, $H(l^e, 2) = \langle \zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_4, v_{\varphi}, v_i \rangle$ is a finite subgroup of $D(l^e, 2)^{\times}$. The crossed product $D(l^e, 2)$ is isomorphic to a simple component of $Q[H(l^e, 2)]$.

Now we proceed to calculate the Hasse invariants of $C(l^e, 2)$ and $D(l^e, 2)$. If \mathfrak{q} is a prime ideal of $k_{l,c}$ which divide neither l nor 2 , both $C(l^e, 2)$ and $D(l^e, 2)$ have Hasse invariant zero at \mathfrak{q} , because \mathfrak{q} is not ramified in $Q(\zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_4)/k_{l,c}$ and the factor sets α' and β' consist of roots of unity. So, we have

$$[C(l^e, 2)/\mathfrak{q}] = [D(l^e, 2)/\mathfrak{q}] = 0, \quad \text{for } \mathfrak{q} \nmid l, 2. \quad (29)$$

From (27), it follows that

$$u_{\varphi} \{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\} = (1 - \zeta_4^{-1}) u_{\varphi} u_i = (1 - \zeta_4^{-1})(-\zeta_4) u_i u_{\varphi} = \{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\} u_{\varphi}.$$

The elements $u_{\varphi}^{\nu} \{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\}^{\mu}$ ($0 \leq \nu, \mu \leq 1$) are linearly independent over K . Each element of $k(\zeta_4)$ (resp. $Q(\zeta_{l^e})$) commutes with $(1 - \zeta_4) u_i$ (resp. u_{φ}). Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C(l^e, 2) &= \sum_{\nu=0}^1 \sum_{\mu=0}^1 Q(\zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_4) u_{\varphi}^{\nu} \{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\}^{\mu}, \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^1 \sum_{\mu=0}^1 Q(\zeta_{l^e}) \cdot k(\zeta_4) u_{\varphi}^{\nu} \{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\}^{\mu}, \\ &= \left[\sum_{\mu=0}^1 Q(\zeta_{l^e}) \{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\}^{\mu} \right] \cdot \left[\sum_{\nu=0}^1 k(\zeta_4) u_{\varphi}^{\nu} \right], \\ &\cong (\{(1 - \zeta_4) u_i\}^2, Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k, \iota) \otimes_k (u_{\varphi}^2, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi), \\ &\sim (2, Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k, \iota), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where by (27), $\{(1 - \zeta_4)u_i\}^2 = (1 - \zeta_4)^2 u_i^2 = (1 - \zeta_4)^2 \zeta_4 = \zeta_4 - 2\zeta_4^2 + \zeta_4^3 = 2$, and $u_{\sigma}^2 = 1$. By the same argument, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(l^e, 2) &= \sum_{\nu=0}^1 \sum_{\mu=0}^1 Q(\zeta_{l^e}, \zeta_4) v_{\varphi^{\nu}\mu}, \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^1 \sum_{\mu=0}^1 Q(\zeta_{l^e}) \cdot k(\zeta_4) v_{\varphi^{\nu}\{(1 - \zeta_4) v_i\}^{\mu}}, \\ &\cong (\{(1 - \zeta_4) v_i\}^2, Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k, \iota) \otimes_k (v_{\varphi}^2, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi), \\ &= (2, Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k, \iota) \otimes_k (-1, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi), \\ &\sim C(l^e, 2) \otimes_k (-1, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Let \mathfrak{p} be any prime ideal of $k = k_{l^e}$, which divides 2. Since k/Q is nonramified at 2, 2 is a prime element of the local field $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$. If \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k$, then the extension $Q(\zeta_{l^e})^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is nonramified of degree 2. By the definition of Hasse invariant and (30), $C(l^e, 2)$ has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at \mathfrak{p} . If \mathfrak{p} splits into two primes, then $Q(\zeta_{l^e})^{\mathfrak{p}} = k_{\mathfrak{p}}$, and so $C(l^e, 2)$ has Hasse invariant zero. Since $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{l^e})/Q) (= Z \bmod^{\times} l^e)$ is cyclic and $\mathfrak{G}(Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k) = \langle -1 \bmod^{\times} l^e \rangle$, \mathfrak{p} is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k$ if and only if $-1 \bmod^{\times} l^e \in \langle 2 \bmod^{\times} l^e \rangle$, i.e., if and only if the order of the cyclic group $\langle 2 \bmod^{\times} l^e \rangle$ is even. Consequently, we have

$$\left(\frac{C(l^e, 2)}{\mathfrak{p}} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } f \text{ is even, } (\mathfrak{p} \mid 2) \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

where f is the smallest positive integer such that

$$2^f \equiv 1 \pmod{l^e}. \quad (33)$$

The \mathfrak{p} -index of the cyclic algebra $(-1, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi)$ is equal to the order of the (local) norm residue symbol $(-1, k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{p}}/k_{\mathfrak{p}})$, which is equal to the norm residue symbol $(N(k_{\mathfrak{p}}/Q_2, -1), k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{p}}/Q_2)$. We see easily that the degree of $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ over Q_2 is even if and only if $f \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. Hence,

$$N(k_{\mathfrak{p}}/Q_2, -1) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ -1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

If there exists an element x of $k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{p}}$ such that $-1 = N(k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{p}}/Q_2, x) = N(Q_2(\zeta_4)/Q_2, N(k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{p}}/Q_2(\zeta_4), x))$, then -1 belongs to the norm group $N(Q_2(\zeta_4)/Q_2, Q_2(\zeta_4)^{\times})$. But this is impossible, because it is well-known that $-1 \notin N(Q_2(\zeta_4)/Q_2, Q_2(\zeta_4)^{\times})$. (This follows from the fact that the quaternion algebra $(-1, Q(\zeta_4), \rho)$, $\rho(\zeta_4) = \zeta_4^{-1}$, has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at 2 and ∞ .)

Consequently, the order of the norm residue symbol $(-1, k(\zeta_4)^p/Q_2)$ is equal to 2. Taking account of (34), we conclude that the Hasse invariant of the cyclic algebra $E = (-1, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi)$ at \mathfrak{p} is

$$\left(\frac{E}{\mathfrak{p}}\right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

Since by (31), $D(l^c, 2) \sim C(l^c, 2) \otimes_k E$, the formulas (32) and (35) imply that

$$\left(\frac{D(l^c, 2)}{\mathfrak{p}}\right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \text{ and } f \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } f \text{ is odd or } f \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

Let \mathfrak{p}_∞ be any infinite prime of $k_{l,c}$. From (30), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} C(l^c, 2) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} &\sim (2, Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}/k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}, \iota), \\ &\cong (2, C/R, \rho)(\rho(\sqrt{-1}) = -\sqrt{-1}), \\ &\sim 1. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$E \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} \sim (-1, k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}/k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}, \varphi) \cong (-1, C/R, \rho).$$

Thus, we conclude that

$$[C(l^c, 2)/\mathfrak{p}_\infty] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [D(l^c, 2)/\mathfrak{p}_\infty] = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (37)$$

Let \mathfrak{l} be the only prime ideal of $k = k_{l,c}$ which divides l . First we note that

$$(-1, k(\zeta_4)/k, \varphi) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{l}} \sim 1,$$

because the extension $k(\zeta_4)^{\mathfrak{l}}/k_{\mathfrak{l}}$ is nonramified of degree 2 or 1, and -1 is a unit. From (31), it follows that

$$D(l^c, 2) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{l}} \sim C(l^c, 2) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{l}},$$

and so,

$$[D(l^c, 2)/\mathfrak{l}] = [C(l^c, 2)/\mathfrak{l}]. \quad (38)$$

Suppose that $l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then \mathfrak{l} decomposes into two primes in $k(\zeta_4)/k$, and $\mathfrak{G}(K^{\mathfrak{l}}/k_{\mathfrak{l}}) = \mathfrak{G}(K/k(\zeta_4)) = \langle \iota \rangle$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} C(l^c, 2) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{l}} &\sim \sum_{\mu=0}^1 K^{\iota u_c^{\mu}} = (u_c^2, K^{\mathfrak{l}}/k_{\mathfrak{l}}, \iota), \\ &= (\zeta_4, K^{\mathfrak{l}}/k_{\mathfrak{l}}, \iota), \end{aligned}$$

where by (27), $u_i^2 = \zeta_4$. We see easily that $U(K^l) = \langle \zeta_{l-1} \rangle$, where $U(K^l)$ is the set of roots of unity contained in K^l , whose orders are relatively prime to l . Then, $N(K^l/k_l, U(K^l)) = \langle \zeta_{l-1}^2 \rangle$, and ζ_{l-1}^2 is a primitive $(l-1)/2$ -th root of unity. If $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then $(l-1)/2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, and so $\zeta_4 \in \langle \zeta_{l-1}^2 \rangle$. If $l \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, then $(l-1)/2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, and so $\zeta_4 \notin \langle \zeta_{l-1}^2 \rangle$. Thus we conclude that

$$\left(\frac{C(l^c, 2)}{1} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } l \equiv 5 \pmod{8}. \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

Suppose next that $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then 1 is inertial in $k(\zeta_4)/k$, and $\mathfrak{G}(K^l/k_l) = \mathfrak{G}(K/k)$. We see that $U(K^l) = \langle \zeta_{l^2-1} \rangle$ and φ is the Frobenius automorphism of K^l/k_l such that $\zeta_{l^2-1}^\varphi = \zeta_{l^2-1}^l$. We note that $l^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$. So, all the primitive 8-th roots of unity are in $U(K^l)$. Since $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $l - 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. So we fix a primitive 8-th root of unity ζ_8 such that $\zeta_8^{l-1} = \zeta_4$. From (27), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} u_i u_\varphi &= \zeta_4 u_\varphi u_i = \zeta_8^{l-1} u_\varphi u_i, \\ (\zeta_8 u_i) u_\varphi &= \zeta_8^l u_\varphi u_i = u_\varphi (\zeta_8 u_i). \end{aligned}$$

Each element of $k(\zeta_4)^l$ (resp. $Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l$) commutes with $\zeta_8 u_i$ (resp. u_φ). So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C(l^c, 2) \otimes_k k_l &\sim \sum_{\nu=0}^1 \sum_{\mu=0}^1 K^l u_{\varphi^\nu \iota^\mu}, \\ &= \sum_{\nu} \sum_{\mu} k(\zeta_4)^l \cdot Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l u_\varphi^\nu (\zeta_8 u_i)^\mu, \\ &\cong ((\zeta_8 u_i)^2, Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l/k_l, \iota) \otimes_{k_l} (u_\varphi^2, k(\zeta_4)^l/k_l, \varphi), \\ &\sim (\zeta_8^2 \zeta_4, Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l/k_l, \iota), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

where by (27), $(\zeta_8 u_i)^2 = \zeta_8^2 u_i^2 = \zeta_8^2 \zeta_4$ and $u_\varphi^2 = 1$. We write $l - 1 = 2(1 + 2s)$. If $l \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, then s is even. If $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then s is odd. Since $\zeta_4 = \zeta_8^{l-1} = \zeta_8^{2\gamma_{4s}} = (-1)^s \zeta_8^2$, it follows that if $l \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, then $\zeta_4 = \zeta_8^2$, and that if $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then $\zeta_4 = -\zeta_8^2$. So, we have

$$\zeta_8^2 \zeta_4 = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } l \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\ 1, & \text{if } l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

We see that $U(Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l) = \langle \zeta_{l-1} \rangle$ and $N(Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l/k_l, U(Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l)) = \langle \zeta_{l-1}^2 \rangle$. -1 does not belong to $\langle \zeta_{l-1}^2 \rangle$, because ζ_{l-1}^2 is a primitive $(l-1)/2$ -th root of unity and $(l-1)/2$ is odd. So, the cyclic algebra $(-1, Q(\zeta_{l^c})^l/k_l, \iota)$ has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at l . From (40) and (41), it follows that

$$\left(\frac{C(l^c, 2)}{1} \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } l \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\ 0, & \text{if } l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

Thus, by (38), (39) and (42), we have

$$\left(\frac{C(l^c, 2)}{1}\right) = \left(\frac{D(l^c, 2)}{1}\right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } l \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}. \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

5. CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE ALGEBRAS FOR $p = \infty$

Consider the following cyclic algebra $F(l^c, \infty)$ central over $k_{l,c}$:

$$\begin{aligned} F(l^c, \infty) &= (-1, Q(\zeta_{l^c})/k_{l,c}, \iota), \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} Q(\zeta_{l^c}) u_i^i, \quad (\text{direct sum}) \\ u_i^2 &= -1, \quad u_i x = x^i u_i \quad (x \in Q(\zeta_{l^c})), \end{aligned}$$

where ι is the automorphism of $Q(\zeta_{l^c})/k_{l,c}$ such that $\zeta_{l^c} = \zeta_{l^c}^{-1}$. If $l \neq 2$, then the elements ζ_{l^c} , -1 , u_i generate a finite subgroup G of the multiplicative group $F(l^c, \infty)^\times$. In fact, G is the metacyclic group with the following relations:

$$(-\zeta_{l^c})^{2l^c} = 1, \quad u_i^2 = -1, \quad u_i(-\zeta_{l^c}) u_i^{-1} = -\zeta_{l^c}^{-1} = (-\zeta_{l^c})^{-1}.$$

$F(l^c, \infty)$ is spanned by G with rational coefficients, and so it is isomorphic to a simple component of $Q[G]$. If $l \neq 2$, then $H = \langle \zeta_{2^c}, u_i \rangle$ is the generalized quaternion group of order 2^{c+1} and spans $F(2^c, \infty)$ with rational coefficients. So, $F(2^c, \infty)$ is isomorphic to a simple component of $Q[H]$.

For any infinite prime \mathfrak{p}_∞ of $k = k_{l,c}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(l^c, \infty) \otimes_k k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty} &\sim (-1, Q(\zeta_{l^c})^{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}/k_{\mathfrak{p}_\infty}, \iota) \\ &\cong (-1, C/R, \rho)(\rho(\sqrt{-1}) = -\sqrt{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$[F(l^c, \infty)/\mathfrak{p}_\infty] = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (44)$$

Let \mathfrak{l} be the only prime ideal of $k = k_{l,c}$ which divides l . For simplicity, set $K = Q(\zeta_{l^c})$. The \mathfrak{l} -index of the cyclic algebra $F(l^c, \infty)$ is equal to the order of the (local) norm residue symbol

$$(-1, K^{\mathfrak{l}}/k_{\mathfrak{l}}) = (N(k_{\mathfrak{l}}/Q_{\mathfrak{l}}, -1), K^{\mathfrak{l}}/Q_{\mathfrak{l}}).$$

The extension k/Q is totally ramified at l , and so

$$[k_{\mathfrak{l}} : Q_{\mathfrak{l}}] = [k : Q] = \begin{cases} (l-1)l^{c-1}/2, & \text{if } l \neq 2, \\ 2^{c-2}, & \text{if } l = 2. \end{cases}$$

Since we have been assuming that $[k : Q] > 1$, it follows that

$$N(k_l/Q_l, -1) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } l = 2 \text{ or } l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ -1, & \text{if } l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Note that $U(K^1) = \langle \zeta_{l-1} \rangle$, and that $N(K^1/Q_l, U(K^1)) = \langle \zeta_{l-1}^{(l-1)l^{e-1}} \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$, where $l \neq 2$. Hence if $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $N(k_l/Q_l, -1) = -1 \notin N(K^1/Q_l, U(K^1))$, and so the order of the norm residue symbol $(N(k_l/Q_l, -1), K^1/Q_l)$ is equal to 2. Thus we conclude that

$$\left(\frac{F(l^e, \infty)}{1} \right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } l = 2 \text{ or } l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad (45)$$

For every finite prime q of $k_{l,e}$ which does not divide l , we have

$$[F(l^e, \infty)/q] = 0, \quad (46)$$

because the extension $Q(\zeta_{l^e})/k_{l,e}$ is nonramified at q and -1 is a unit.

6. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

We are ready to prove the Theorem. For each rational prime number l , we have constructed simple algebras $A(l^e, p)$, $B(l^e, p)$, $C(l^e, 2)$, $D(l^e, 2)$ and $F(l^e, \infty)$ which are central over $k_{l,e}$ and appear in some $Q[G]$. Recall that throughout this paper we are assuming $l^e \geq 5$. If A and B are central simple algebras over $k = k_{l,e}$ which appear in group algebras $Q[G]$ and $Q[H]$ respectively, then $A \otimes_k B$ appears in $Q[G \times H]$. For each rational prime p , g_p denotes the number of the primes of $k_{l,e}$ dividing p . We know that $g_l = 1$ and $g_\infty = [k_{l,e} : Q]$. If a central simple algebra A over $k_{l,e}$ satisfies the conditions (i) and (ii) of the Theorem, there exists a set of distinct rational primes $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ such that A has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at any prime p of $k_{l,e}$ dividing one of $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ and zero elsewhere. By the Hasse's sum theorem, the number of those p_i for which g_{p_i} is odd is even. Conversely, let $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ be any set of distinct rational primes such that the number of those p_i for which g_{p_i} is odd is even. Again, by the Hasse's sum theorem, there exists a unique central division algebra $\Omega(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ over $k_{l,e}$ which has Hasse invariant $\frac{1}{2}$ at any p of $k_{l,e}$ dividing one of $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ and zero elsewhere. Of course, $\Omega(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ satisfies the conditions (i) and (ii) of the Theorem.

Therefore, in order to prove the "if" part of the Theorem it suffices to show that for any p such that g_p is even, the central division algebra $\Omega(p)$

over $k_{l,c}$ belongs to $S_O(k_{l,c})$, and that for any pair of distinct primes $\{p, p'\}$ such that both g_p and $g_{p'}$ are odd, $\Omega(p, p')$ belongs to $S_O(k_{l,c})$. We shall do this for the cases $l = 2$, $l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ separately.

(I) $l = 2$. Set $k = k_{2,c}$. Note that $[k_{2,c} : Q] = 2^{c-2} \geq 2$. So g_p is odd if and only if $g_p = 1$, i.e., if and only if $p \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}$ or $p = 2$. By virtue of (5), (7), (8), (9), (17), (18), (19), (23), (24), (44), (45), (46), and Lemma 4, we have the following results:

$$\begin{aligned} A(2^c, p) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \nmid g_p, & \text{ for } p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}; \\ B(2^c, p) \otimes_k F(2^c, \infty) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p, & \text{ for } p \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}; \\ A(2^c, p) &\sim \Omega(2, p), & g_p = 1, & \text{ for } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}; \\ B(2^c, p) &\sim \Omega(2, p), & g_p = 1, & \text{ for } p \equiv -5 \pmod{8}; \\ B(2^c, p) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p, & \text{ for } p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}, p \not\equiv -1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}; \\ A(2^c, p) \otimes_k F(2^c, \infty) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p, & \text{ for } p \equiv -1 \pmod{2^{c+1}}; \\ F(2^c, \infty) &\sim \Omega(\infty), & 2 \mid g_\infty, & \text{ for } p = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

From these formulas, it follows readily that for every p such that g_p is even, $\Omega(p) \in S_O(k_{2,c})$, and that for every pair of distinct primes $\{p, p'\}$ such that $g_p = g_{p'} = 1$, $\Omega(p, p') \in S_O(k_{2,c})$. For instance, if $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and $p' \equiv -5 \pmod{8}$, then $A(2^c, p) \otimes_k B(2^c, p') \sim \Omega(p, p')$, and so on. Thus, the "if" part of the Theorem is proved for $l = 2$.

Suppose that $l \neq 2$. For a rational prime number $p (\neq l)$, f_p denotes the smallest positive integer such that $p^{f_p} \equiv 1 \pmod{l^c}$, and set $g_p' = (l-1)l^{c-1}/f_p = \varphi(l^c)/f_p$. Then $g_p = g_p'$ or $2g_p = g_p'$. From Lemma 2, it follows easily that g_p' is even if and only if $(p/l) = 1$. We shall use the following well-known formulas:

$$\left(\frac{l}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{l}\right) (-1)^{[(l-1)/2][(p-1)/2]}, \quad (l \neq p; l, p \neq 2), \quad (47)$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{l}\right) = (-1)^{(l^2-1)/8} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } l \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}, \\ -1, & \text{if } l \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{8}. \end{cases} \quad (48)$$

(II) $l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Since $g_\infty = [k_{l,c} : Q] = l^{c-1}(l-1)/2$, g_∞ is even. By (44), (45) and (46), we have

$$F(l^c, \infty) \sim \Omega(\infty), \quad 2 \mid g_\infty.$$

Assume that $p \neq 2$. If f_p is odd, then $(p/l) = 1$ and 4 divides g_p' , and so 2 divides g_p . If f_p is even, then by Lemma 3, any prime \mathfrak{p} of $k = k_{l,c}$ dividing p is inertial in $Q(\zeta_{l^c})$. So, if f_p is even and $(p/l) = 1$, then $g_p = g_p'$, and this is even. If f_p is even and $(p/l) = -1$, then $g_p = g_p'$, and this is odd. From

(47), it follows that $(l/p) = (p/l)$. Therefore, by virtue of (5), (6), (8), (9), (16), (22), (44), (45) and (46), we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(l^e, p) \otimes_k F(l^e, \infty) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p \text{ for } 2 \nmid f_p, & p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ B(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p \text{ for } 2 \nmid f_p, & p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}; \\ A(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p \text{ for } 2 \mid f_p, & (l/p) = 1, p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ A(l^e, p) \otimes_k F(l^e, \infty) &\sim \Omega(p), & 2 \mid g_p \text{ for } 2 \mid f_p, & (l/p) = 1, p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}; \\ A(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(l, p), & 2 \nmid g_p \text{ for } 2 \mid f_p, & (l/p) = -1, p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ A(l^e, p) \otimes_k F(l^e, \infty) &\sim \Omega(l, p), & 2 \nmid g_p \text{ for } 2 \mid f_p, & (l/p) = -1, p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $p = 2$. Suppose further that $l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. By (48), g_2' is even. So, if f_2 is even, then $g_2 = g_2'$ and this is even. If f_2 is odd, then 4 divides g_2' and so 2 divides g_2 . Suppose that $l \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$. By (48), g_2' is odd, *a fortiori* g_2 is odd. From (29), (32), (36), (37) and (43), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} C(l^e, 2) &\sim \Omega(2), & 2 \mid g_2 & \text{ for } l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, & 2 \mid f_2; \\ D(l^e, 2) \otimes_k F(l^e, \infty) &\sim \Omega(2), & 2 \mid g_2 & \text{ for } l \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, & 2 \nmid f_2; \\ C(l^e, 2) &\sim \Omega(l, 2), & 2 \nmid g_2 & \text{ for } l \equiv 5 \pmod{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any rational prime p , if g_p is even, then $\Omega(p) \in S_O(k_{l,e})$, and if g_p is odd, then $\Omega(l, p) \in S_O(k_{l,e})$. From these facts, the "if" part of the Theorem is easily proved for $l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

(III) $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. In this case, $[k_{l,e} : Q] = l^{e-1}(l-1)/2$, and this is odd. So, for every rational prime p , g_p is odd. By (44), (45) and (46), we have

$$F(l^e, \infty) \sim \Omega(l, \infty). \quad (49)$$

From Lemma 2, it follows readily that $(p/l) = 1$ if and only if g_p' is even, i.e., if and only if f_p is odd. By (47), if $(l/p) = 1$ and $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $(p/l) = 1$. Also, if $(l/p) = -1$ and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $(p/l) = 1$. Otherwise $(p/l) = -1$ ($p \neq 2$). From (5), (6), (8), (9), (16) and (22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(p, \infty), & \text{for } (l/p) = 1 & \quad \text{and } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ A(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(p, \infty), & \text{for } (l/p) = 1 & \quad \text{and } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}; \\ A(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(l, p), & \text{for } (l/p) = -1 & \quad \text{and } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ B(l^e, p) &\sim \Omega(l, p), & \text{for } (l/p) = -1 & \quad \text{and } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{aligned}$$

If $l \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, it follows from (48) that f_2 is even. If $l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, f_2 is odd. Hence, by (29), (32), (36), (37) and (43), we have

$$\begin{aligned} C(l^e, 2) &\sim \Omega(l, 2), & \text{for } l \equiv 3 \pmod{8}; \\ D(l^e, 2) &\sim \Omega(2, \infty), & \text{for } l \equiv 7 \pmod{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have shown that for every rational prime p ($\neq l, \infty$), either $\Omega(l, p) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$ or $\Omega(p, \infty) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$. By (49), we know that $\Omega(l, \infty) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$. From these facts, we see easily that for any pair of rational primes $\{p, p'\}$ ($p \neq p'$), $\Omega(p, p')$ belongs to $S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$. For instance, if p ($\neq l, \infty$) is any prime such that $\Omega(p, \infty) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$, then $\Omega(l, p) \sim \Omega(l, \infty) \otimes_k \Omega(l, \infty) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$, where $k = k_{l,c}$. If p and p' are distinct primes such that $p, p' \neq l, \infty$, $\Omega(p, \infty) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$, $\Omega(l, p') \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c})$, then

$$\Omega(p, p') \sim \Omega(p, \infty) \otimes_k \Omega(l, p') \otimes_k \Omega(l, \infty) \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(k_{l,c}),$$

etc. Thus the "if" part of the Theorem is proved for $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

As for the "only if" part of the Theorem, the condition (i) follows from the Brauer–Speiser theorem, and the condition (ii) has been proved in [2]. The proof of the Theorem is completed.

Remark 1. Let $Q(\sqrt{m})$ be a real quadratic field such that m is square free and $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then, there exists a prime number l such that l divides m and $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. The extension $Q(\sqrt{m})/Q$ is ramified at l of degree 2. Let A be a simple algebra central over $k = Q(\sqrt{m})$ and l the prime of k dividing l . If A appears in some $Q[G]$, $A \otimes_k k_l$ appears in $Q_l[G]$. Hence, by [11, Theorem 1], the l -index of A divides $(l-1)/2$. Since $l \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $(l-1)/2$ is odd. On the other hand, the Brauer–Speiser theorem implies that the l -index of A divides 2. Consequently, the Hasse invariant of A at l is equal to zero. Thus the statement of the Theorem does not hold for any real quadratic field $Q(\sqrt{m})$, $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Remark 2. Let k be a subfield of a cyclotomic extension of Q . In [2], the Schur subgroup $S(k)$ is defined as the subgroup of the Brauer group $\text{Br}(k)$ consisting of those algebra classes which contain a simple component of $k[G]$ for some finite group G . Our Theorem implies that a class $\{A\}$ of $\text{Br}(k_{l,c})$ belongs to $S(k_{l,c})$ if and only if $\{A\}$ has Hasse invariant zero or $\frac{1}{2}$ at every prime \mathfrak{p} of $k_{l,c}$, and for any rational prime p , $\{A\}$ has the same Hasse invariant at all the primes \mathfrak{p} of $k_{l,c}$ dividing p .

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